



Clarence Neighborhood Watch Program



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Goals & Objectives

What is the Clarence Neighborhood Watch Program?

The Clarence Neighborhood Watch program is an organized effort by concerned residents to look out for each other's safety. The GOAL is to help law enforcement officers protect people and their homes against criminals in the Town of Clarence as an important step in the achieving the mission of the Clarence Public Safety Committee: To establish and maintain a partnership among citizens, government officials and public safety entities to enhance public safety throughout the Town of Clarence. The Clarence Neighborhood Watch Program is Town-wide.

Objective of the Program:

The program shows people how to cooperate with each other and with the Sheriff and State Police, and Town Security in a common cause – safe homes, businesses & neighborhoods.

Who Organizes Neighborhood Watch in The Town of Clarence?

The Clarence Neighborhood Watch Program is implemented by the Clarence Public Safety Committee under the direction of the Town of Clarence Supervisor, Scott Bylewski, One Town Place, Clarence, New York 14031. Phone 716-741-8930. The Town Supervisor works with the Town Public Safety Committee to establish, and standardize individual community programs in accordance with the procedure of the Clarence Neighborhood Watch Program. Any and all news media regarding the Town of Clarence Neighborhood Watch Program is to be coordinated through the Clarence Town Supervisor unless changed by the Supervisor.

Sign Placement:

Neighborhood Watch has traditionally been an Erie County Sheriff's Office program, with signs furnished by the Sheriff's Office. However, the Clarence Neighborhood Watch Program is implemented by the Clarence Public Safety Committee under the direction of the Town of Clarence Supervisor's Office with assistance from the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police. Neighborhood Watch signs are installed only by the Town of Clarence Highway Department in compliance with all applicable highway laws of New York State as it relates to sign placement. Clarence Neighborhood Watch Program signs are to be placed at the Town line of all highways entering the Town of Clarence. Signs may be placed at other neighborhood locations at the discretion of the Town Supervisor.

What Types of Watch Programs Are There?

Traditional programs include: **Residential Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch, and the Town of Clarence Recreation Trail Watch.** All programs are coordinated through the Clarence Public Safety Committee under the direction of Town of Clarence Town Supervisor.

Sheriff & State Police, Town Security Department Involvement:

All watch meetings are organized through the Town Supervisor with Clarence Public Safety Committee, Sheriff, State Police and the Town of Clarence Security Department. All are invited to meetings for their input into the reporting of crime. The Town Supervisor, a member of the Town Board, or a member of the Public Safety Committee should always be present to answer questions.

Working Together:

Town of Clarence residents will learn how to safeguard each other's homes & businesses. They will become more alert to unusual or suspicious circumstances, individuals, or vehicles. Any homeowners group, taxpayers association interested in the program should call the Clarence Town Supervisor at 716-741-8930 to arrange an informational meeting for that group.

How Many Meetings Should One Have?

There normally are several meetings at the beginning of the program and then there should be at least one Neighborhood Watch review for each group at the very least once a year. This may vary depending on conditions.

Emergency Calls and 911 Calls:

Any and all emergency phone calls should be immediately made to 9-1-1. In any emergency, the appropriate fire, police or ambulance agency should always be called first. The Clarence Public Safety Committee should also be advised of any crime, suspicious activity or dangerous conditions.

Report Suspicious Activity To The Police

- * Anyone looking into parked cars.
- * A stranger lurking around a neighbor's home
- * Anyone loitering around neighborhood school.
- * Anyone carrying unwrapped property down the street.
- * Anyone peering into a home.
- * Anyone sitting in a parked car for abnormal amount of time.

Don't let crime take up residence in your neighborhood.

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Additional Information:



Town of Clarence Neighborhood Watch

An Organized Effort by
Residents to Look Out
For Each Other's Safety

What Is

Neighborhood

Watch?

Neighborhood Watch is an organized effort by concerned residents to look out for each other's safety, and to help law enforcement officers protect people and their homes against criminals.

The program shows people how to cooperate with each other, and with the police, in a common cause - Safe

Homes & Neighborhoods

Working together, neighbors learn how to safeguard each other's homes and reduce the risk of crime. They become more alert to unusual or suspicious circumstances, individuals, or vehicles. They learn that it is better to call the police when they see something suspicious.

What Neighborhood

Watch Signs Should Tell

The Potential Criminal:

Our neighbors are watching over one another's family members and property and they have been trained to report suspicious activity or persons in the neighborhood to our law enforcement agencies.

REMEMBER! Neighborhoods are made up of people who have the power to protect each other's safety. By reporting any suspicious circumstances to law enforcement agencies, members of Neighborhood watch actually increase their own safety.

Police cannot fight crime they do not know about. When alert citizens keep the police informed, the police are far more effective against crime and citizens have better protection and safer communities

IT ALL TAKES TEAMWORK!

Join your neighbors to organize a Neighborhood Watch program in your community.

What The Police Need To Know

WHAT HAPPENED?

What happened? Where? When? How? Who did it?

WAS A VEHICLE USED?

If a vehicle was involved, what was its license plate number?

WAS ANYONE ARMED?

- * How many people were there?
- * Were they armed?
- * What was their sex?
- * What was the approx. age?
- * What was their approx. Height & weight?
- * What was their hair color?
- * Did you remember clothing & shoes?
- * Any unusual characteristics?